MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : They are also asked for, sometimes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know the number of exceptions that have been sanctioned up till now from the date of the publication of these rules?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say that. I receive something like 20,000 vouchers in a month, and it is not easy to obtain the information.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know which is greater in number, these exceptions or the adherence to the Rules.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : Of course, the exceptions are very few in number.

Taluks yielding the largest Land Revenue.

2. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) the taluk that has been yielding the largest amount of land revenue in the State for the years 1097, 1098, 1099 and 1100 ; and

(ii) the taluk that has been yielding the largest amount of land revenue per head of population in the years 1097, 1098, 1099 and 1100?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (i) and (ii) A statement* showing the amount of land revenue collected in the several taluks of the State for the years 1097, 1098, 1099 and 1100 and also the population of the various taluks as per the censuses of 1911 and 1921 is laid on the table. The Muvattupuzha taluk yielded the largest revenue in 1097, the Kottayam taluk in 1098 and the taluk of Agastisvaram in 1099 and 1100. Information as to which of the taluks yielded the largest amount of revenue per head of population in each of the years can be gathered by calculation from the figures furnished.

Checking of Motor Buses between Trivandrum and Nagercoil.

3. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) the various stations between Trivandrum and Nagercoil at which motor buses are checked ;

(ii) what the nature of the checking is and how these buses are checked ;

(iii) the objects with which these buses are checked ;

(iv) the pay and grade of the men employed to check these buses in each of the stations ;

(v) the number of men deputed for this work daily in each of the stations ;

(vi) whether checking is done during all the 24 hours of the day, and if not, the time during which such checking is done ;

(vii) the language in which the permits, licenses, etc., are printed ;

(viii) the language in which the numbers on the badges to be worn by the drivers are inscribed ;

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 18.

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(ix) the language in which the check book is maintained ;

(x) whether all or any of the men appointed for this work know English ; and

(xi) whether the Commissioner of Police has received complaints from bus-owners about the illegal exaction of money by the men employed for checking buses, and if the answer is in the affirmative, what action has been taken by him in the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(i) (*a*) Cantonment, Trivandrum.
(*b*) Fort Do.
(*c*) Karamanai
(*d*) Nemom
(*e*) Neyyattinkara
(*f*) Vilavankod
(*g*) Tuckalai
(*h*) Clock Tower (Nagercoil).

(ii) The control consists of :—
(*a*) counting passengers ;
(*b*) noting times of arrival ;
(*c*) despatch at prescribed times ; and
(*d*) enforcement generally of Motor Vehicles Rules and conditions of licenses.

(iii) The principal objects are (*a*) to prevent overloading and (*b*) to ensure that buses run to the prescribed time-table and thus to prevent the drivers from racing the buses one against another.

(iv) Constables on Rs. 10 to Rs. 13 according to class, ordinarily ; and all other police officers occasionally.

(v) One.

(vi) No ; only at times when buses are running.

(vii) English.

(viii) English.

(ix) Figures and distinguishing letters in English and names in Malayalam.

(x) All the men know sufficient English to perform the duties demanded of them.

(xi) The answer is in the negative.

Financial Effect of enhanced Railway Fares.

4. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : With reference to the answer given to Question No. 93 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 24th November 1922, regarding the effect of enhanced railway fares, will the Government be pleased to state whether the accounts referred to therein have been received, and if so, to state the amount of profit or loss incurred during the period ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : The accounts have been received ; but they do not disclose the extent of the gain or loss due exclusively to the raising of the fares.

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